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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 P. BRET CHIAFALO, et al.,

CASE NO. C16-1886JLR

11 Plaintiffs,

ORDER REGARDING
PUTATIVE INTERVENORS

12 v.

13 JAY INSLEE, et al.,

14 Defendants.

15 The court has reviewed the Washington State Republican Party's (the "Republican
16 Party") motion to intervene (*see* Rep. Party MTI (Dkt. # 9)), President-elect Donald J.
17 Trump and Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.'s (collectively, "the Campaign") motion
18 to intervene (Campaign MTI (Dkt. # 13)), and the Republican Party and the Campaign's
19 (collectively, "Putative Intervenors") proposed joint opposition (Intervenor Resp. (Dkt.
20 # 16)) to Plaintiffs P. Bret Chiafalo and Levi Guerra's motion for a temporary restraining
21 order ("TRO") and preliminary injunction (TRO Mot. (Dkt. # 2)). The court expresses
22 no opinion at this time on the merits of Putative Intervenors' motions to intervene but

1 ORDERS the Republican Party and the Campaign to appear at the hearing on Plaintiffs'
2 motion for a TRO and preliminary injunction, which is now set for 1:30 p.m. on
3 Wednesday, December 14, 2016. (*See* Dkt.)

4 At the hearing, the court will allow all parties and Putative Intervenors to be heard
5 on the merits of Plaintiffs' motion and address an appropriate briefing schedule on the
6 motions to intervene, to the extent that any of the current parties intend to oppose those
7 motions. (*See* Rep. Party MTI at 1 n.1 (indicating that Defendants take no position on the
8 Republican Party's motion to intervene whereas Plaintiffs "declined to stipulate" to the
9 motion); Campaign MTI at 1 n.1 (indicating that Defendants take no position on the
10 Campaign's motion to intervene whereas Plaintiffs oppose the motion).) At the hearing,
11 which is scheduled to last one hour, the court will allot half of the time to Plaintiffs and
12 the other half to Defendants and Putative Intervenors. The court DIRECTS Defendants
13 and Putative Intervenors to meet and confer in advance of the hearing regarding how to
14 subdivide or otherwise manage the time allotted for argument.

15 Dated this 13th day of December, 2016.

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United States District Judge
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